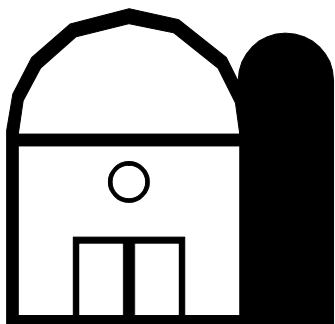




## Rat-Tail Maggots in Barnyards



Rat-tail maggots may develop in dairy barnyards during floods or wet weather. These maggots, which have rat-tail-like breathing tubes, develop from the eggs of drone flies deposited in liquid manure puddles or highly polluted water. Ordinarily harmless, the fully-developed maggots may get into the milkhouse and utensils while searching for a dry pupation site.

To avoid a maggot problem, drain barnyard manure puddles or fill them with gravel. This will eliminate breeding places. If this is not practical, stack concrete blocks into a temporary wall about 3 feet high and 10 feet long between the milkhouse and the barnyard. Maggots should be attracted to the wall rather than the milkhouse.

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